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SUBJECT: EXTRAORDINARY EC COUNCIL OF AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS
MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 3

1. WE JUST LEARNED FROM THE COMMISSION THAT UNDER THE PRESSURE OF
WIDESPREAD FARMERS' DEMONSTRATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE NETHER-
LANDS AND FRANCE, AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF THE EC COUNCIL OF
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AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS HAS BEEN CALLED FOR SEPTEMBER 3.

2. THIS COUNCIL MEETING WILL REPORTEDLY DEAL WITH THE RECENT AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THE COMMUNITY, AND IN PARTICULAR WITH THE INCREASE IN FARM COSTS RELATIVE TO FARM PRICES. VARIOUS NATIONAL SUPPORT MEASURES RECENTLY TAKEN WHICH ARE NOT COMPATIBLE WITH THE CAP AND WHICH THREATEN TO PROLIFERATE WILL ALSO BE DISCUSSED. HOWEVER, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THIS EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WILL TAKE ANY FIRM DECISIONS. NEW DECISIONS, IF ANY, WILL BE TAKEN AT THE EARLIEST, AT THE MEETING OF THE AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 23.

3. WE ALSO LEARNED THAT IN ORDER TO PACIFY THE FARMERS AND TO MEET THE DEMANDS FOR UPWARD ADJUSTMENT OF FARM PRICES, THE COUNCIL MAY CONSIDER AS EARLY AS OCTOBER THE SUPPORT PRICES FOR 1975/76. IT CANNOT BE EXCLUDED THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THE COMING INTO FORCE OF THE 1975/76 SUPPORT PRICES WILL BE ADVANCED IN ORDER TO GIVE THE FARMERS SOME RELIEF. JOHNSTON

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